1. The Message of the Empty Tomb. Job14:14; Mk.16:6.

Job 14:14 If a Man die, shall he live again?

Mark 16:6 "He is risen; He is not here: behold, the place
where they laid Him!"

THEME:"The Message from the Empty Tomb" or
"Christ's Resurrection and Ours".

INTRO:-Our belief in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ not determined by the evidence so much as be our own view-point.

I. The Universality of Job's Question.

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1. Arose out of a universal desire to live.
   a/ the desire to live instinct in man.
      '1' the records of primative man and heathen religion
      '2' our sorrow over the departure of our loved ones.
   b/ why should this instinct not be true when all others are?

2. Is emphasized by our sense of justice.
   a/man's length of days as compared with that of the lower creatures.
   b/ the unequal distribution of opportunities.
   c/ the unused possibilities in man.
      A promising career cut off in the prime of life.
      A strong personality in a feeble and aged body.

II. The Empty Tomb of Jesus Christ the Final answer to the Question.

1. The first and only definite answer.

2. Our guarantee for Eternal Life.
   "Because I live shall ye live also".
   "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."
   "I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth on me, tho he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die"

~~Because the Xn can say, "I know that my Redeemer Liveth"~~,

II. 3. <u>It is the Tomb of every Believer in Christ.</u>

a/ In the garden of Faith, of Hope, of Light, of Love, and of Life.

b/ A Tomb emptied of all fear and sting.
"O Death, where is thy victory? O Death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the Law: but thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory thru our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Conclusion:- How are you facing the Future?

Are you an unbeliever going thru life unto death?
Or are you a believer in the Risen Savior going thru death unto Life Eternal with God?